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FOLLOWING REPEAT NICOSIA 898 ACTION SECSTATE INFO ANKARA ATHENS
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C O N F I D E N T I A L NOFORN NICOSIA 0898

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: TURKISH CYPRIOT ADVISORY AIRSPACE

REF: (A) NICOSIA 0830 (DTG 250930Z MAR 77) (NOTAL)

(B) NICOSIA 0861 (DTG 291530Z MAR 77) (NOTAL)

(C) STATE 070844 (DTG 310058Z MAR 77) (NOTAL)

(D) USDAO MSG NO. 079 (DTG 010811ZHAPR 77) (NOTAL)

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1. NICOSIA 0830 RELATED INFO PASSED TO EMBASSY BY GOC DEPT.
CIVIL AVIATION (DCA) REGARDING TWO INSTANCES OF NEAR-MISS
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BY CIVIL AIRCRAFT OVER NORTHERN PART OF NICOSIA FIR ON
MARCH 23, 1977. "TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS"
PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE PRESS RELEASE DATED
MARCH 31, 1977 STATES IN PART "... IATA HAS FORMALLY
DENIED GREEK CYPRIOT ALLEGATIONS CLAIMING TWO NEAR-MISSES
IN THE REGION. IATA ALSO CONFIRMED THAT AIRLINES ALLEGED
TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENTS HAVE DENIED THE

GREEK CYPRIOT CHARGES."

2. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT CONTACT IATA TO ASCERTAIN (A) WHETHER IATA HAS COMMENTED SPECIFICALLY ON THE TWO NEAR-MISS INCIDENTS REPORTED REF (A) AND IF SO WHETHER "TFSC" PIO PRESS RELEASE COMMENTS ARE CORRECT OR NOT; (B) WHETHER AIRLINES ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN MARCH 23 NEAR-MISS INCIDENTS (SAUDIA, LOT, LUFTHANSA) HAVE COMMENTED TO IATA ON ALLEGED INCIDENTS AND IF SO WHAT WERE AIRLINES' COMMENTS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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3. ON MARCH 31 GOC DCA PROTESTED TO EMBOFF THAT SIX USAF AIRCRAFT IN LAST TWO DAY HAVE CONTACTED ERCAN CONTROL OPERATED BY TURKISH CYPRIOTS (SEE NICOSIA DAO REPORT REF D) AS FOLLOWS: (A) ON MAR 30 FOUR USAF AIRCRAFT ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH ERCAN; (B) ON MAR 31 TWO USAF AIRCRAFT ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH ERCAN AND COMPLIED WITH CLIMBING INSTRUCTION GIVEN BY ERCAN.

4. GOC DCA CLAIMS THAT ONE USAF AIRCRAFT ON MAR 31 (WE ARE NOT SURE IF THIS WAS ONE OF A/C MENTIONED 3(B) ABOVE) WAS CONVERGING AT AIRWAY GREEN 18 WITH BRITISH AIRWAYS FLIGHT BA 3891. BOTH AIRCRAFT SUPPOSEDLY THREE MINUTES FROM POINT G18B.

5. WHILE NICOSIA 0861 RELATED RECENT POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS SUGGESTING RETURN TO DEGREE OF NORMALCY
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OF CIVIL AIR TRAFFIC IN THE AREA, INCIDENT REPORTED ABOVE (PARA 4) UNDERSCORES ONECE AGAIN THAT SITUATION NORTHERN PART OF NICOSIA FIR CONTINUES TO POSE POTENTIAL DANGERS TO ALL AIR TRAFFIC. END CONFIDENTIAL NOFORN DILLERY.
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